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.O. 11652: ADS (DECLAS 3/16/75)

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 1974, THE RICE
SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH WAS AS FOLLOWS (ALL
FIGURES IN M/T):

BEGINNING STOCK 8/19/74	43,458
ARRIVALS: (A) MEKONG	2,276
(B) RT 5/TONLE SAP	2,873
TOTAL AVAILABILITY	48,607
LESS DISTRIBUTION	16,124
BALANCE	32,483
PLUS ADJUSTMENTS	1,971

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CLOSING STOCK 9/8/74 34,454

2. STOCK POSITION. AT COB SEPTEMBER 8, 1974, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS TOTALLED 34,454 METRIC TONS OR A 45-DAY SUPPLY. ON THE SAME DATE KOMPONG SOM REPORTED A RESERVE STOCK OF 2,429 METRIC TONS.

3. DISTRIBUTION. AGAINST AN OFFICIAL DAILY QUOTA OF 770 METRIC TONS, THE ACTUAL DAILY DISTRIBUTION FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF AUGUST AVERAGED 734 METRIC TONS. IN SEPTEMBER, HOWEVER, DAILY DISTRIBUTION HAS AVERAGED SO FAR 845.6 METRIC TONS. THE INCREASE IS DUE TO WELL-FOUNDED RUMORS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S RICE SELLING PRICE IS TO BE TRIPLED MOMENTARILY FROM 55 RIELS A KILO TO 165 RIELS. THIS INCREASE IS TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT O/A SEPTEMBER 18 AND, HOPEFULLY, IT WILL DAMPEN DEMAND.

4. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

	DATE	TONNAGE M/T
A. MEKONG CONVOY	AUG 25	2,276
B. TONLE SAP CONVOYS	AUG 21	1,156
	SEPT 1	1,717

5. PROJECTED ARRIVALS.

A. U.S. PL-480: THERE ARE PRESENTLY 5,062 METRIC TONS IN SAIGON AWAITING SHIPMENT TO CAMBODIA. OF THIS AMOUNT 1,627 METRIC TONS ARE TO BE SHIPPED TO KOMPONG SOM, AND THE BALANCE TO PHNOM PENH.

B. SVN LOAN: THE GVN HAS AGREED TO LOAN AND SHIP 20,000 METRIC TONS TO CAMBODIA THIS MONTH, AND ANOTHER 20,000 METRIC TONS IN OCTOBER.

C. BATTAMBANG RICE: THUS FAR ABOUT 5,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE, EXCLUSIVE OF BROKENS AND BRAN, HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO PHNOM PENH. OF THIS AMOUNT, 4,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE WERE TRANSPORTED ON USAID - CHARTERED BARGES. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 23,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE IN BATTAMBANG AWAITING SHIPMENT TO PHNOM PENH VIA ROUTE 5 AND THE TONLE SAP.

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